

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 September 1957		2. LOCATION Kadena, AFB, Okinawa		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2000</u> GMT <u>20/1105Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 to 10 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE N to S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oval shaped object which glowed like a fuorescent light. The object seemed indented (like a coke bottle without a top). The object was slightly bigger than a grapefruit. Seemed to vibrate. Gave the impression of translucence. It made four passes from N to S remaining visible approx 5 to 10 sec each time. No sound.				11. COMMENTS Possibility that object was a kite or balloon - based on previous reports - but will carry as unknown pending receipt of further information.	

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION S/SGT HUGH T. O'CONNOR S/SGT HILLIS D. BRIDGEMAN Suppl. Source S/SGT THOMAS M. GILLIGAN	DATE OF INFORMATION 20 Sept 1957	
PREPARING OFFICER 1/LT JAMES W. WALLACE	EVALUATION C-1	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, PAR 7		
SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT		
SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 115a.) At 2000 hours, Friday, 20 Sep 57, S/Sgts Hugh T. O'Connor and Hillis D. Bridgman of the 13th Communications Squadron, were on the veranda between the two wings of barracks #110. Both men were just looking around when Sgt O'Connor's attention was caught by an "oval-shaped object" which "glowed like a fluorescent light." The object seemed "indented—like a coke bottle without a top." In size, the object was slightly bigger than a grapefruit held at arm's length. The object seemed to "vibrate." It was also likened unto a jellyfish as it gave the impression of "translucence." Sgt Bridgman also saw the object just before it disappeared after the first pass. When first sighted, the object was at an elevation angle of 45° and azimuth of 350°. The object was lost from sight on an azimuth of 200° where it entered the cloud cover.		

Many witnesses OCT 29 1957

The object made four passes, remaining visible approximately 5 to 10 seconds during each pass. There was a five minute interval between each pass except for the fourth which allowed an interval of only four minutes.

All four passes were made in a generally North-South direction. On the first sighting, the object traveled level in a distinct arc. On the second and third observations the flight path was level but the course was straight rather than in an arc. On the fourth and final pass the object passed directly overhead and seemed to gain altitude before disappearing into the cloud cover. Throughout the sightings the object did not change size or shape and the speed remained constant. No sound was heard throughout the sightings.

INCL. Supplementary Report: On the evening of 20 Sep 57, at approximately 2010I, S/Sgt [REDACTED] 3th Communications Sq was on the veranda of barracks 110 in the company of S/Sgts' [REDACTED]

His attention was called to an object seen by the two Sgts a few moments before.

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what GIs saw in OKINAWA
③ Apparently no follow-up or investigations by Base C.O.

① A TIC Comment: Have had a no. of UFO case over last 12 years of odd shaped object appearing and disappearing like this and invariably found to be hot or experimental kites.
② Cannot check in U.S.

Possibility that object a kite or balloon with a will cover it. UNKNOWN Receipt further info

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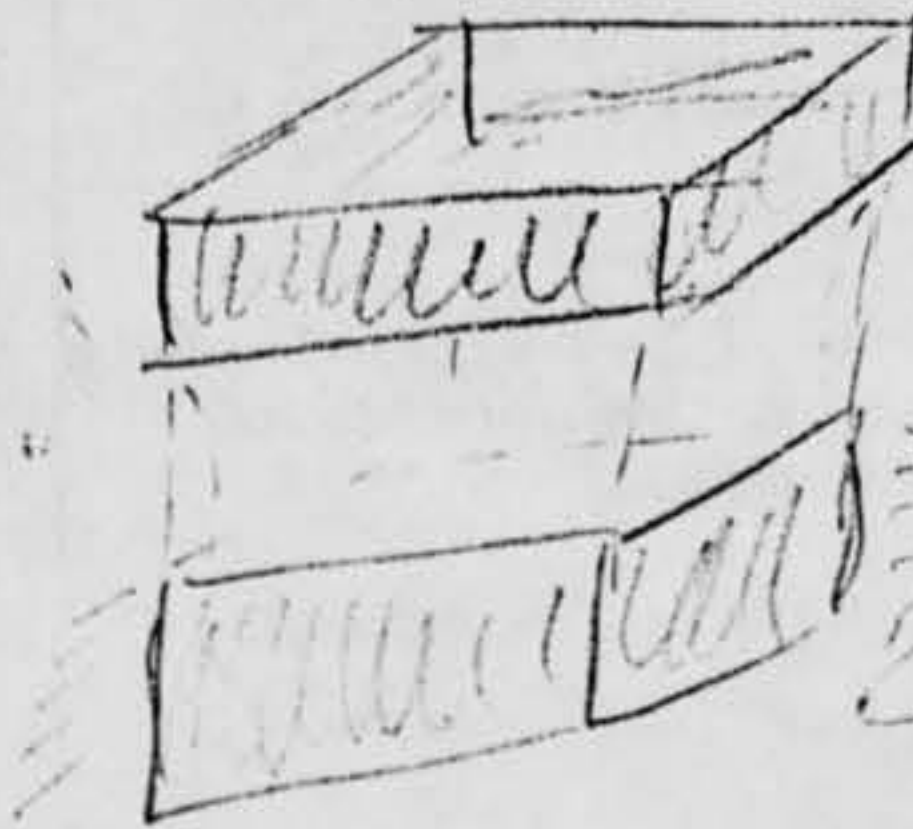
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SUMMARY (Cont'd)

His impression of the object after a very short sighting--1-2 seconds--was that it was round; very much like a shooting star in color and action; and that it traveled at extreme speed with no sound.

Sgt. [redacted] first sighted the object on an azimuth of 300° and an elevation angle of 45° . It was lost from sight when it passed beyond the barracks wall at an azimuth of approximately 200° .



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seen at distances, under adverse lighting and wx conditions, and particularly when

APPROVED: city or other lights dimly reflect off them. Many cases of these

Do. [redacted] fly odd-shaped like the

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Japanese and

Chinese do?

check.

1. Description of object:

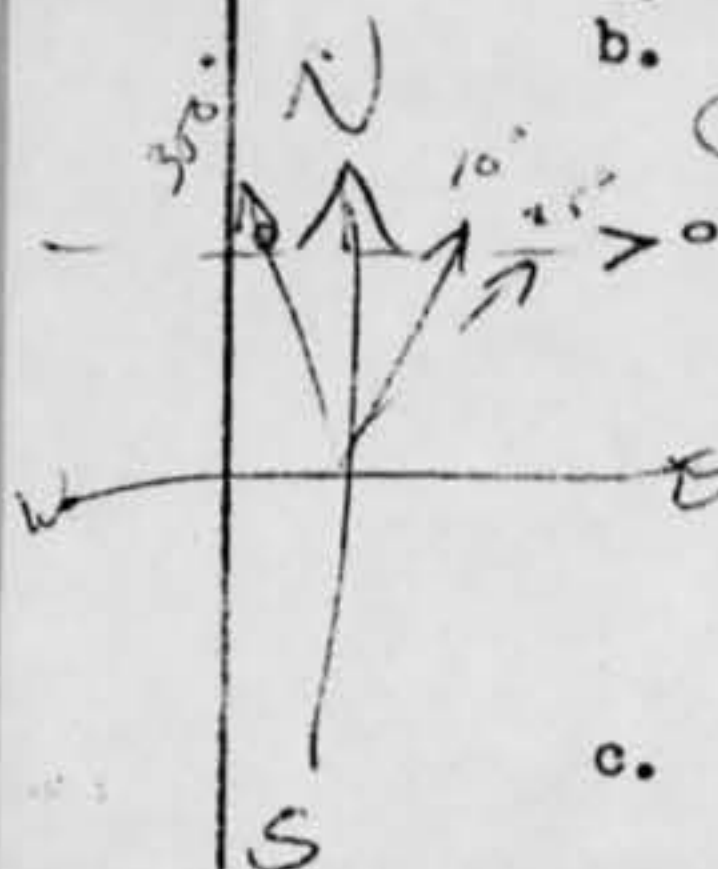
- The object was roughly oval-shaped; with indented sides, giving it a coke bottle, minus the neck, appearance.
- The observers agreed the size of the object was about that of a grapefruit held at arm's length.
- The object was bright white in color; very distinct, like a bright fluorescent lightbulb.
- One.
- N/A.
- The object seemed to vibrate. It also was likened unto a jellyfish, as one observer stated it gave the impression of translucence.
- None.
- None.
- Sightings at regular 5 minute intervals except the last when only four minutes had elapsed.

This is characteristic of a balloon

2. Description of course:

- Observers were by chance looking skyward at the time.
- Object was first sighted at an elevation angle of 45° and azimuth of 350° from Sgt. [redacted]. When first sighted by Sgt. [redacted] the object was on a 45° elevation angle and azimuth of 25° . Second sighting of object by both observers was at the same elevation angle (45°) with an azimuth of 10° . Third observation no azimuth was definite but again the pass was basically North to South on an elevation angle of 45° . The fourth and final sighting found the object at an elevation angle of 60° and passing directly overhead. The object at this time was sighted on an azimuth of 350° and seemed to be climbing.
- The object was lost from sight on an azimuth of 200° on the first and fourth sightings. On the second observation it was lost in the overcast at an azimuth of 95° . Elevation angles were constant at 45° except for the final overhead pass when the object was at 60° .

See Winds: Generally from South to North, Part 7



90°-60° elevation angles, disappearing at the latter angle on a 200° azimuth.

- d. On the first sighting the object flew level in a distinct arc. On the second and third observations the flight path was still level but the course was straight rather than in an arc. The object seemed to gain altitude on the fourth and final pass. No speed was determined for any of the sightings.
- e. Object disappeared each time into the overcast.
- f. Sightings ranged between 4-10 seconds.

Note: overcast and night

3. Manner of observation:

- a. Ground visual.
- b. Naked eyes.
- c. N/A.

4. Time and date of sighting:

- a. 201105Z, 201110Z, 201115Z, and 201119Z, September 1957.
- b. Night.

Important!

Were any fellow Wx (meteo) personnel at that time?

5. Location of observers:

- a. Observers were standing on a veranda between the two wings of barracks 110, Kadana Air Base, Okinawa. Geographical coordinates of Kadana Air Base 26°21'N/127°47'E. Observers were located approximately 1600 yards 165° azimuth from the Base Operations Tower.

6. Identification on observers:

- a. S/Sgt [redacted], 13th Communications Sq, Communications Section, Kadana Air Base, APO 239.
- S/Sgt [redacted], 13th Communications Sq, Communications Section, Kadana Air Base, APO 239.
- S/Sgt [redacted], 13th Communications Sq, Communications Section, Kadana Air Base, APO 239.
- S/Sgt [redacted] and [redacted] appeared to be quite sincere and positive as to information given. Further information not available.
- The information submitted by S/Sgt [redacted] considered unuseable due to limited time of sighting.

7. Weather and Winds aloft:

- a. Overcast, with some low clouds.
- b. Kadana Base Weather Station reported the following:

Surface winds from the SE at 5 knots.

201200Z at 1000' - 160° @ 12 Kts

5000' - 200° @ 11 Kts

8000' - 210° @ 18 Kts

(1) Winds up to 5000 ft generally from South

(2) NOTE! Scattered

clouds. The effect of attempting to identify at night through

c. Ceiling 8000 feet.

d. Visibility 10 miles.

e. Cloud Cover - scattered at 1200', 8000' broken with high overcast between 20,000 and 30,000 feet.

clouds is well known to all UFO

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f. N/A.

8. A rotating local beacon sweeps approximately in the opposite direction of cloud drift at the time of sighting. Both observers were definite in their assertions that the object was not related in any way to this beacon.

9. N/A.

10. Location of air traffic in the area at time of sighting: None

11. Position, title and Comments of Preparing Officer:

a. James W. Wallace, 1/Lt, USAF, AO 2224028, Hq 313th Air Division, APO 239. Intelligence Officer.

b. Comments: Due to the unusual number of sightings (four), and the regularity in the time element, I am unable to determine any known cause or explanation thereof.

12. N/A.

No balloon or other checks to follow if a definite cause probable cause of the sighting

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